

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 24 March 1999
Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Pirate 38
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Milcap Publishing Group AB
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: Sweden
Language: English, German, French, Swedish

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept and

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Pirate 38* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

It is a magazine comprising six photostories explicitly depicting sexual activity, and some advertisements for the publication. The photographs depict combinations of up to four persons (males and females) engaged in explicit sexual activity which includes fellatio, cunnilingus, vaginal and anal intercourse, and simultaneous penile penetration of a single female's anus and vagina (double penetration).

The magazine has some degrading, demeaning and dehumanising elements such as a general theme of and several references to females constantly wanting sex, an emphasis on female sexual attributes, and some coarse language directed at women. However, these elements are balanced by the overall character of the magazine which is one of mutual participation. The Classification Office considers that because of the depictions of explicit sexual activity and degrading, demeaning and dehumanising elements, the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good unless restricted to an adult audience.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in determining the classification for *Pirate 38*. While the rights and freedoms outlined in section 14 of the NZBR Act apply to this publication, its presentation of extensive male and female nudity, explicit sexual activity, and some degrading, demeaning and dehumanising elements in a manner intended to sexually arouse, are seen as a reasonable justification to restrict the publication.

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